Publications identified through database search (n=442)

Publications screened after duplicates removed (n=328)

Excluded reviews or original studies unrelated to breastfeeding and neurodevelopment in VLBW children (n=304)

Full text publications assessed for eligibility (n=24)

Excluded for inability to delineate data for VLBW children (n=13), no suitable control group (n=2), no standardized neurodevelopment test (n=1), a report at an earlier age from same cohort (n=1)

Publications on human milk feeding and neurodevelopment in children with VLBW (n=7)